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MEDIA BUREAU RECEIVES REQUEST BY ANALOG TELEVISION STATION IN THE LOWER 700 MHZ BAND TO CEASE ANALOG BROADCASTING, SURRENDER NTSC LICENSE, AND OPERATE AS A SINGLE CHANNEL, DIGITAL-ONLY TELEVISION STATION

In its Report and Order in GN Docket No. 01-74, the Commission adopted the reallocation of the 598-746 MHz Spectrum Band (television channels 52-59) from use by television broadcasters to new uses on a flexible basis.¹ The Commission also stated that it would consider requests by incumbent broadcasters on channels 52-58 to voluntarily vacate their NTSC channels prior to the end of the DTV transition on a case-by-case basis.²

The Media Bureau has received a request from Puget Sound Educational TV, Inc., the licensee of analog noncommercial educational television station KWDK(TV), NTSC Channel *56, and permittee of digital television station KWDK-DT, DTV Channel *42, Tacoma, Washington,³ for Commission authority to: (i) cease analog broadcasting on NTSC Channel *56 and surrender its license for the channel prior to the end of the DTV transition; and (ii) thereafter operate KWDK-DT as a single channel, digital-only television station on DTV Channel *42. QUALCOMM Incorporated, which holds licenses for Channel 55 spectrum,⁴ supports this request, stating that approval would allow QUALCOMM's wholly-owned subsidiary, MediaFLO USA, Inc. to operate on Channel 55 in the Tacoma market without having to protect KWDK(TV) on adjacent Channel *56.

This request is available for inspection at the Commission's Reference Center, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, and may also be accessed on the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov/video/tv.html.

¹ See *Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698-746 MHz Spectrum Band (Television Channels 52-59)*, GN Docket No. 01-74, 17 FCC Rcd 1022 (2002).

² *Id.* at 1095-96.

³ Facility ID 10019.

⁴ See *Public Notice, Lower 700 MHz Band Auction Closes*, DA 03-1978 (released June 18, 2003).

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